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1. Between 2 October and 30 December 1953, the 1st Mtz Rifle Regt of the KVP Division Halle in Leipzig, also referred to as 1st Mtz A-Commando and KVPD Leipzig VII, subordinate to KVP Bereitschaft Halle, was located on Georg-Schumann Strasse, Leipzig, and was organized as follows:

	Officers	Numbers of NCOs	Personnel
Headquarters	35		
School	6	12	40
Headquarters company	3	5	18
Headquarters platoon	1	10	20
Commander's company	2	4	33
Supply platoon		10	15
Medical company	2	10	10
Motor Transport company	4	20	20
S-1 Company	4	8	50
S-2 Company	8	10	45
D-2 Company	6	10	60
S-4 through S-7 Company, each	4	8	40
1st through 3d Battalion, each	41	58	217

 the unit had not yet been filled up to its authorized strength. 25X1

The 3d Battalion, corresponding to the other battalions, was organized as follows:

Headquarters	10		
Headquarters platoon	1	5	15
1st through 3d Rifle Company, each	6	12	50
Heavy machine gun company	4	5	20
P-battery	4	7	12
Medium mortar company	4	5	20

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2. Between 2 October and 30 December, officers assigned to the unit included:

Major Hubel	commanding officer who, about mid-October 1953, was transferred to the unit, allegedly from the Ministry of the Interior.
Major Rossbach	Director of training, who had been commanding officer of the 1st Mtz A-Kommando prior to mid-October 1953.
Captain Seidel	Chief of staff
Senior Lieutenant Bockhorn	Deputy chief for technical equipment
Captain Kluge	Commanding officer of the 3d Battalion
Senior Lieutenant Baufeld	Chief of the B-battery of the 3d Battalion

3. Motor vehicles assigned to the unit included 70 H-3-A trucks

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2 BMW-type sedans, 3 BMW-type sedans, 1 DKW-type sedan, 2 IFA-F-9 sedans, 1 ZIS-150 tank truck with trailer, 1 G-5 tank truck with trailer, 1 ZIS-150 repair shop truck, 4 x 3-ton trailers, 1 H-3-B headquarters vehicle, 40 BMW, BMW and JAVA-type motorcycles 4 x 8-ton three-axle armored personnel carriers with pneumatic tires; and 4 SU-76 self propelled mounts.

4. Of the personnel of the unit, 10 percent belonged to the 1936 class, 25 percent to the 1935 class, 35 percent to the 1934 class, 15 percent to the 1933 class and the rest to older classes; 78 percent had served less than 3 years, 20 percent between 3 and 5 years and 2 percent more than 5 years. Twenty percent of the personnel came from Saxony-Anhalt, 35 percent from Saxony, 20 percent from Thuringia, 10 percent from Mecklenburg, 10 percent from Brandenburg and 5 percent from Berlin.

5. Twenty percent of the personnel were true to the regime, 35 percent were neutral and 45 percent were indifferent. Morale was poor because of long duty hours, restriction to quarters and preferential treatment of officers. There were no Soviet advisors assigned to the 1st Mtz A-Kommando.

6. Other KVP installations in Leipzig included TV Sued on Georg Schumannstrasse; KVPD Leipzig I on Olbrichtstrasse; a medical school on Viertelsweg; a hospital in Wiederitzsch; the construction staff on Olbrichtstrasse and the railroad transport control headquarters at the main railroad station.

Comment. [redacted] the infantry regiment in Leipzig is the 3d Regt. of Division Halle. It is, however, believed, that the 1st Inf Regt is stationed in Leipzig, the 2d Inf Regt in Halle and the 3d Inf Regt in Weissenfels. The strength of the regiment which [redacted] numbered 1,600 men, corresponds to 70 percent of the war strength of a Soviet infantry regiment.

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